

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to create a level playing field
2 for all energy sectors by establishing a temporary moratorium on closing coal-fired
3 electric plants and eliminating all subsidies for renewable energy sources until prior
4 harmful, federal regulations on the coal industry have been repealed.

5 WHEREAS, the vast majority of Kentucky's electricity in 2016 was provided by
6 fossil fuels, with 83 percent coming from coal; and

7 WHEREAS, nearly all of the power plants retired from 2008 to 2017 in the United
8 States were fueled by fossil fuels; and

9 WHEREAS, technological advances in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing
10 have increased natural gas production from the Marcellus shale, the largest natural gas
11 contributor in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States has abundant fossil fuels which provide low-cost
13 electricity, high-paying jobs, economic vitality, and stability to the electrical grid; and

14 WHEREAS, Congress has provided tax incentives for renewable fuel sources for
15 the production of electricity that are less reliable than coal;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
18 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

19 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the
20 United States to create a level playing field for all energy sectors by establishing a
21 temporary moratorium on closures of coal-fired electric plants, and eliminating all
22 subsidies for renewable energy used in the production of electricity that does not have
23 proven battery storage, until prior harmful, federal regulations on the coal industry have
24 been repealed, or in the alternative, establishing similar subsidies for fossil fuel sources.

25 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to provide
26 copies of this Resolution and notification of its adoption to Representative John Blanton
27 and to each member of the Kentucky Congressional delegation.